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**Spring Rise Alternatives
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Presentation Topics Spring Rise Alternatives Summary




- Summary of alternatives modeled to date for the Spring Rise
- Summary of the effects of various plan components/criteria on system storage, lower river flows, and spawning cues
- Similar data as above for special runs

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Plan Components Analyzed




- First Rise
 - None, 31 kcfs, navigation flow + 5 kcfs
- April Flows between the Rises
 - Minimum service, alternative guide curve, current guide curve
- Second Rise
 - Maximum release = 16 kcfs, duration = 2 weeks
 - Proration based on system storage
 - Spring rise preclude
 - Adjustment of flood control constraints

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Effects Analyzed



- Minimum System Storage during Historic Droughts
- Flows at Nebraska City
- Economic Uses, Environmental Resources and Historic Properties
- Spawning Cue

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Analysis to Determine Trends Associated with Various Components of the Spring Rise Hydrograph

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Table 2

Table 2. Alternatives Formulated from Table 1 Requirements									
Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise		FC Constraints	
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MRSP3									46 MAF
MR16AN									46 MAF
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MR16M3									46 MAF
M16F50									50 MAF
M16F40									40 MAF
M16F31									31 MAF
MRBIO3		31 kcls							46 MAF
MRBIO4		31 kcls							31 MAF
MRBIO5									31 MAF
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MRSP2 - MRBIO5 w/ shorter 2nd rise						16 kcls w/ < 2 wk peak			31 MAF
BIO21 - MRSP2 with 21 kcls rise						21 kcls w/ < 2wk peak			31 MAF
BIO518 - MRBIO5 with 18 kcls April			< MS						31 MAF



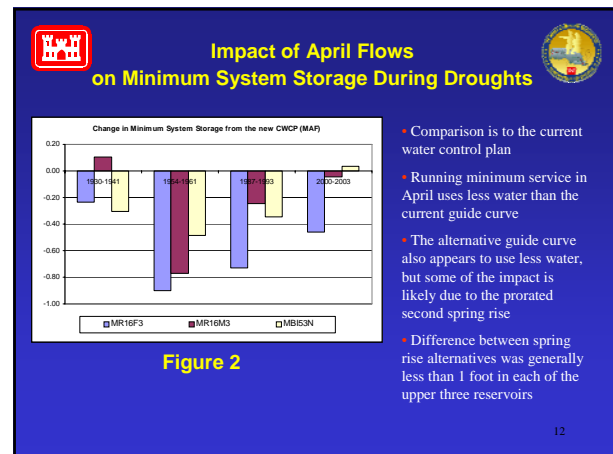
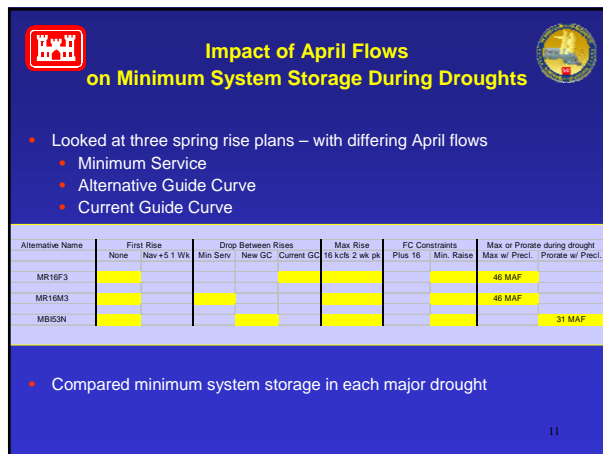
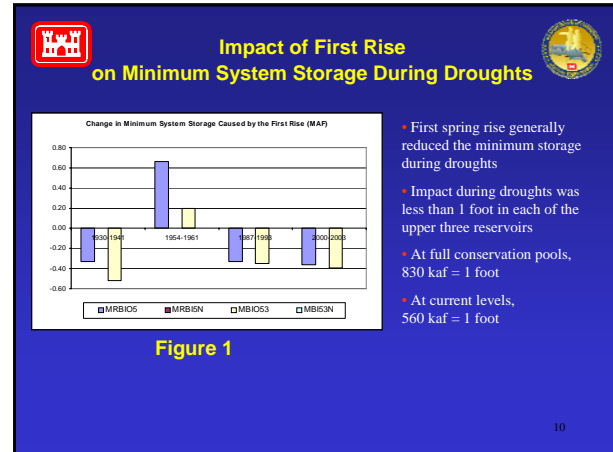
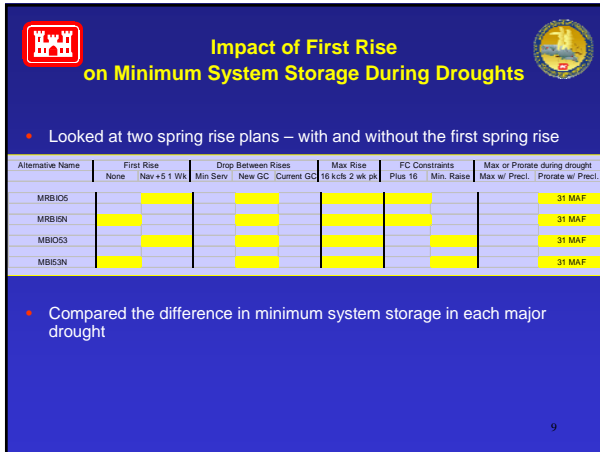
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BIO518 - Run with 18 kcls April			not done						
MRBIO5 - only first			not done						
JB Run with 2nd Rise begin July 1									



Impacts on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Minimum System Storage During Droughts



- Looked at four spring rise plans – with varying adjustments to the flood control constraints

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	None	Nav +5.1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC		Plus 16	Min. Raise	
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MR16M3									46 MAF

- Compared minimum system storage in each major drought

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

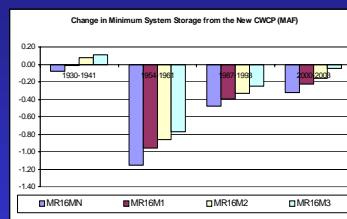


Figure 3

- Comparison is to the current water control plan
- Raising the flood control constraints the full amount of the spring rise uses the most water because it allows the spring rise to be run in many years
- As flood control constraints are reduced, the spring rise gets shut off more frequently resulting in less water used

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Impact of the Spring Rise Preclude on Minimum System Storage During Droughts



- Looked at four spring rise plans – with Spring Rise precludes ranging from 31 to 50 MAF

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	None	Nav +5.1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC		Plus 16	Min. Raise	
M16F50									50 MAF
MR16F46 (MR16FS)									46 MAF
M16F40									40 MAF
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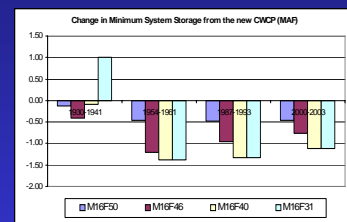


Figure 4

- Comparison is to the current water control plan
- In general, as the spring rise preclude is lowered, system storage during the droughts is lowered due to the ability to run spring rises in more years
- In the 30's drought, the order of non-navigation years changed and an additional non-navigation year was added with the 31 MAF preclude
- In the other 3 droughts, system storage didn't fall below 40 MAF, so the 31 and 40 MAF runs are the same



Impacts on Flows at Nebraska City during May and June

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Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

- Looked at the current water control plan and three spring rise plans with differing April flows
 - Minimum Service
 - Alternative Guide Curve
 - Current Guide Curve
- Full increases in flood control constraints

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CWCP										
MR16FS									46 MAF	
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MRBIO5										31 MAF

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Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

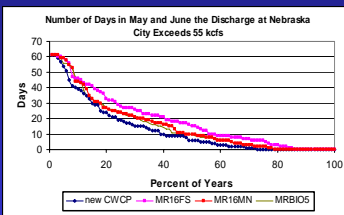


Figure 5

- All spring rise alternatives increase the number of days flow is above 55 kcfs
- Running minimum service between the rises reduces this effect
- Second spring rise is added to existing flow; therefore, the lower the existing flow, the lower the spring rise
- MRBIO5 has prorated spring rise so isn't directly comparable
- Full increases in flood control constraints

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Impacts on Spawning Cues

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Indicators of Spawning Cue

- Master Manual EIS used a flow/duration combination as a surrogate for spawning cue
 - 20 percent increase of flow
 - 14 days duration
- Other combinations of magnitude and duration could be used
- Actual spawning cue is likely a combination of many factors such as flow, stage, temperature, photoperiod, etc

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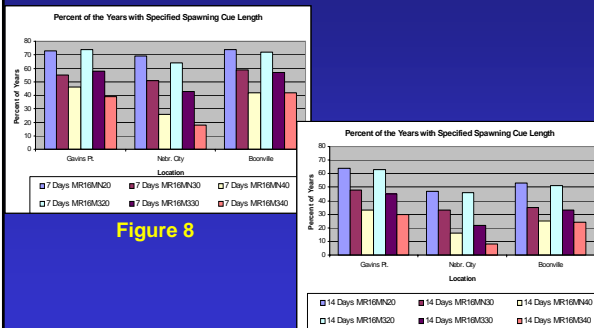


Figure 8

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Impact of April Flows on Spawning Cue

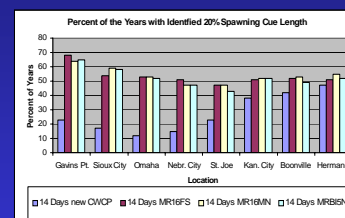


Figure 10

- Higher April flows result in higher magnitude of spring rises, but not necessarily more years with a 20 percent increase in flows
- Relatively little difference between alternatives
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 40 percent of the years at all locations

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Spawning Cue

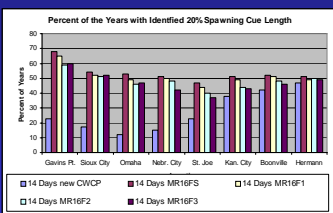


Figure 11

- Number of years meeting spawning cue criteria is generally reduced as flood control constraints become more restrictive
- Difference between alternatives ranges from 2 to 10 percent of years
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 35 percent of the years at all locations

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Impact of the Spring Rise Preclude on Spawning Cue

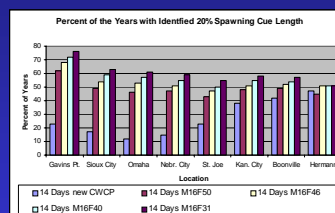


Figure 12

- Number of years meeting spawning cue criteria increases as the spring rise preclude is reduced
- Maximum difference is 11 percent of years
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 40 percent of the years at all locations

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Analysis of Special Runs Requested by Technical Working Group



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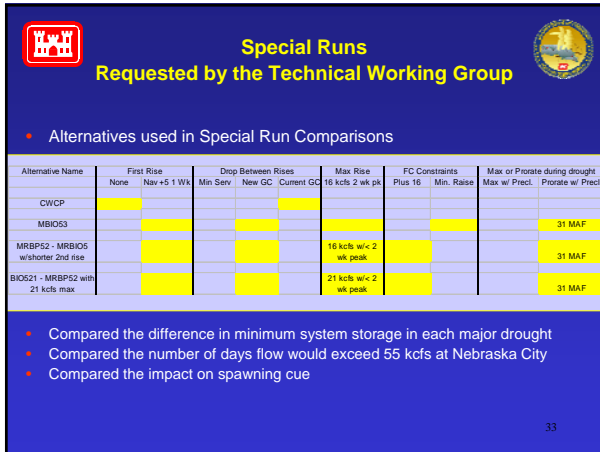


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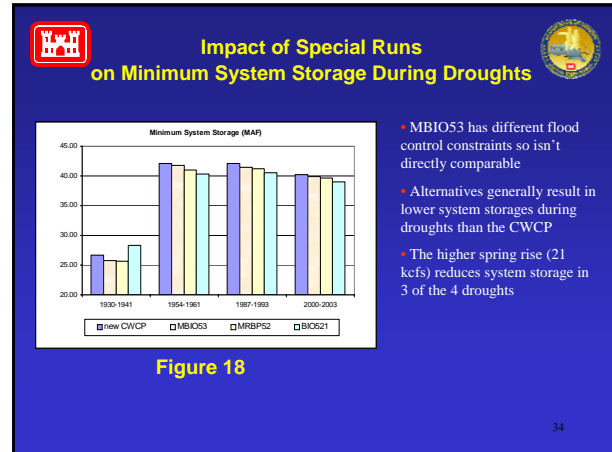


- Requests received for several additional runs
 - ✓ Shorter duration of second rise
 - Duration of the spring rise could not be reduced to less than 9 days due to modeling limitations – this is not a limit in real time regulation
 - ✓ Greater magnitude of second rise (+21 kcfs)
- First rise followed by 18 kcfs in April
- No first rise; winter releases until May 1
- First rise only
- Second rise beginning on July 1

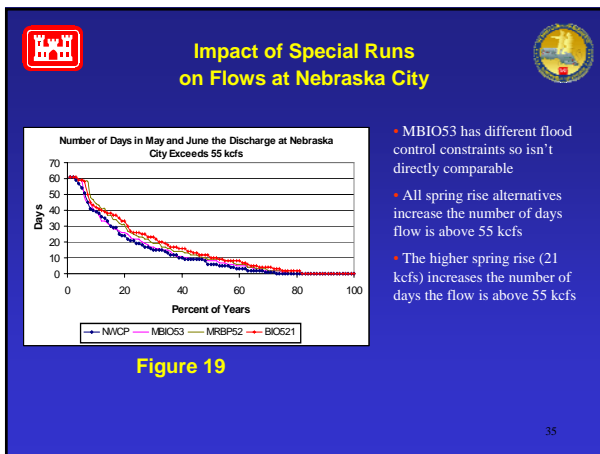
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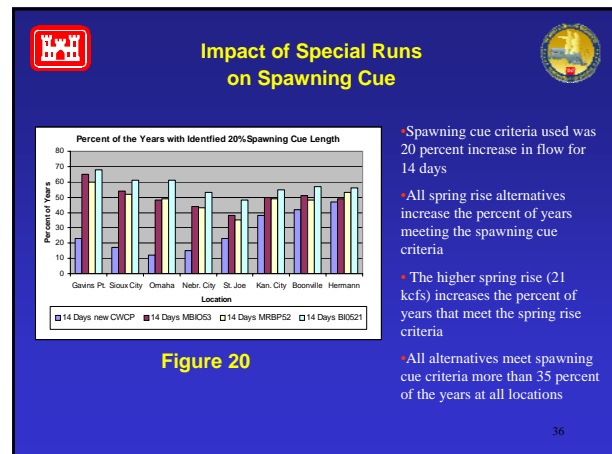
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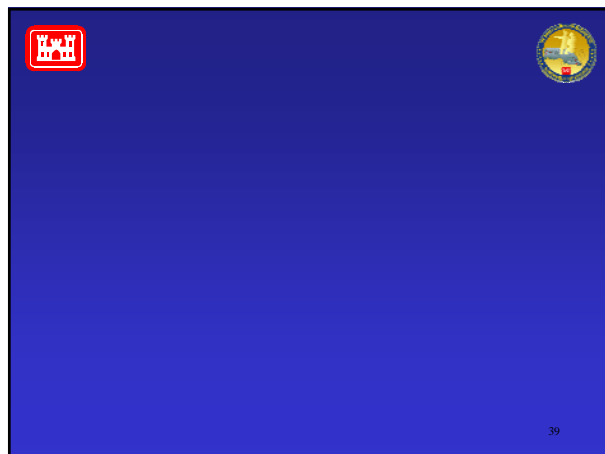
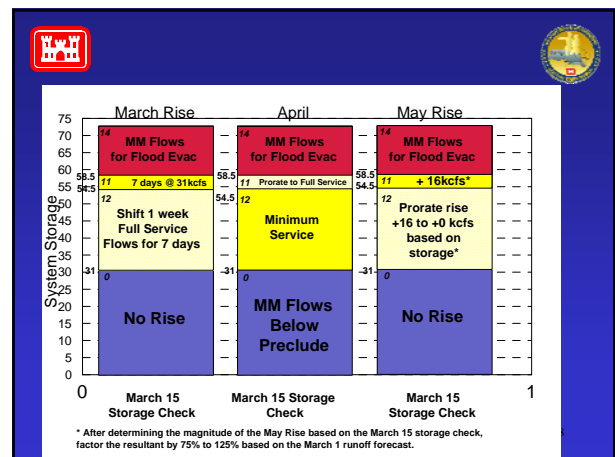
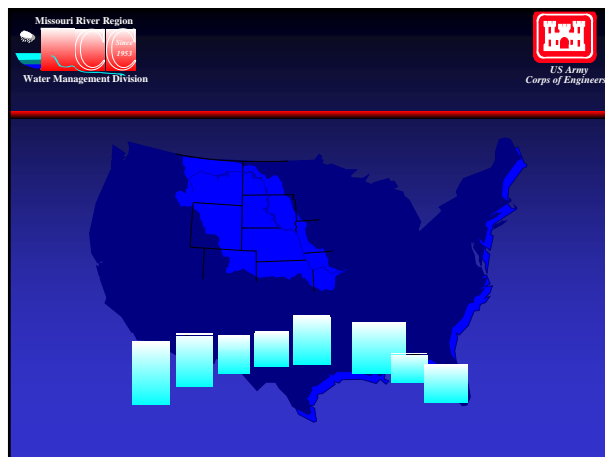
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3 – Second Bimodal Spring Rise

Volume of Water Needed for a Full Spring Rise (million acre-feet)

Spring Rise Amount (kcfs)	Weeks at Peak Rise		
	2	3	4
4	0.167	0.222	0.278
8	0.333	0.444	0.555
12	0.500	0.666	0.833
16	0.666	0.889	1.111
20	0.833	1.111	1.388

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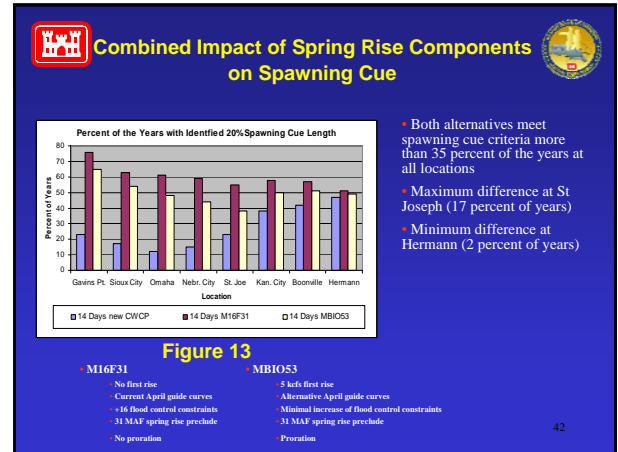
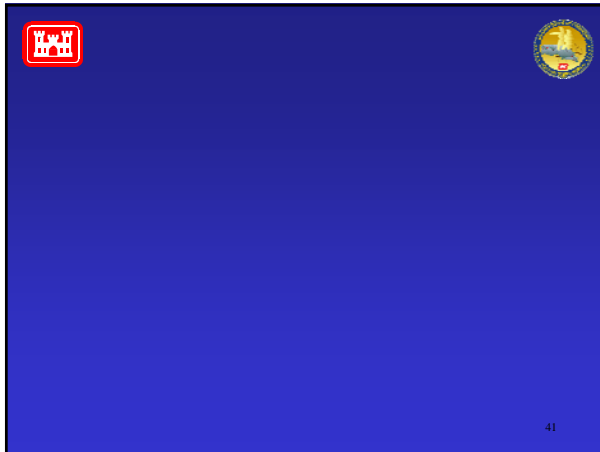


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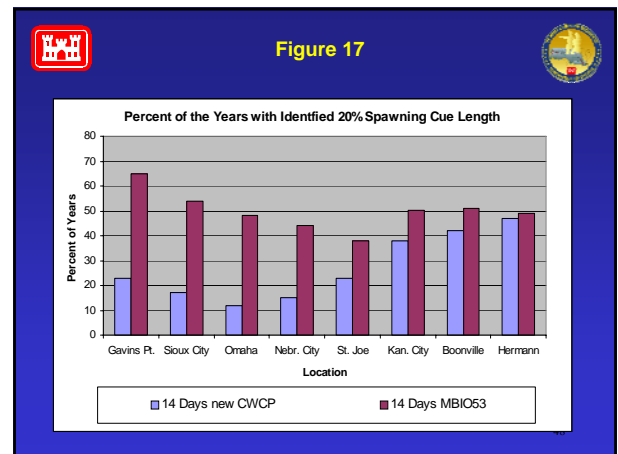
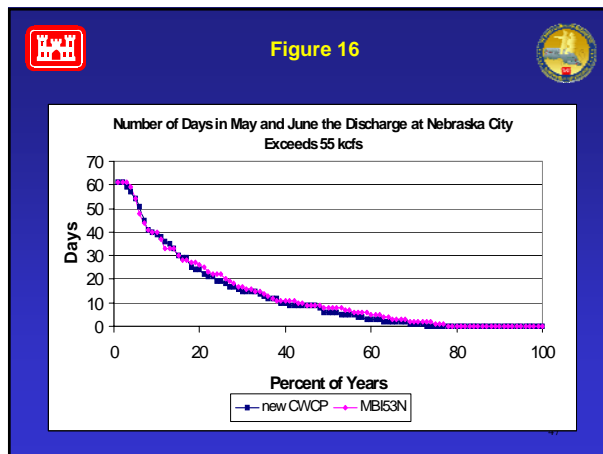
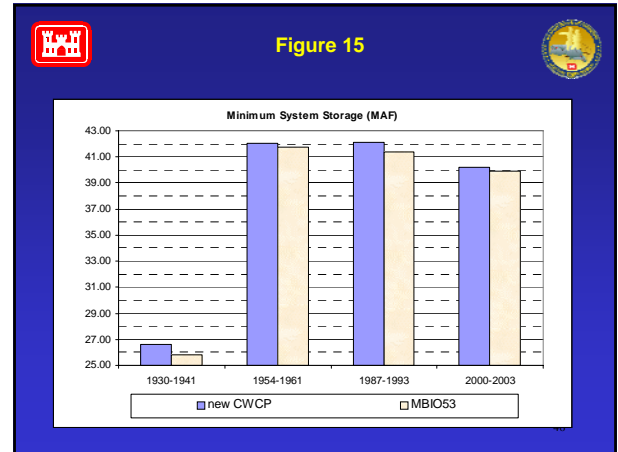
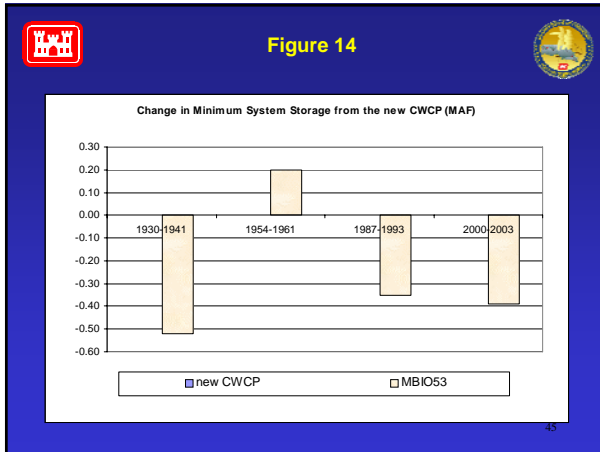
Table 3. Current flood control constraint flow values in kcfs and low-increase option for constraints.

Flow Target	Current Flood Control	Current Flood Control	Low Increase for Spring Rise	Low Increase for Spring Rise
for Service	Target	Target	FC Target	FC Target
Level of 35	(Reduce to)	(Reduce to)	(Reduce to)	(Reduce to)
(Full Service)	Full Service)	Min. Service)	Full Service)	Min. Service)
Sioux City	31			
Omaha	31	41	46	49
Nebraska City	37	47	57	57
Kansas City	41	71	101	93

Table 1

Table 1. Criteria Provide by the technical work group for alternative formulation.

Criteria	Values to be Modeled		
1 st Rise	No rise	Nav. +5 kcfs for 1 wk	Nav. +5 kcfs for 1 wk
Drop between rises	Min. Service	Alternative Guide Curve	MM Guide Curve
2 nd Rise - Max.	16 kcfs for 2 wks		
2 nd Rise - FC Constraints	Plus 16 to MM	Min change from MM	
Max or Prorate During Drought	Maximum with preclude	Prorate with Preclude	





First Bimodal Rise Downstream Crop Damage Risk



- 31-kcfs rise is not predominant in many years when compared to normal releases under the new Water Control Plan; therefore, crop damage risk is relatively unchanged.
- Higher magnitude rises will increase crop damage risk.
- Having the rise start earlier at the 31-kcfs level may increase the crop damage risk as the release during that earlier period could be as much as 15 to 22 kcfs higher than under the new Water Control Plan.

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Service Level between Rises Frequency of Rise



- Variable, depending on location on the Lower River.

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Service Level between Rises Drought Storage Levels



- The higher the service level during this period, the lower the storage levels in the droughts. This effect is true primarily due to the lost storage in the first year of the drought due to the one month of increased service. In subsequent years of the drought, the service levels are almost always minimum service due to the relatively higher guide curves of the new Water Control Plan for this period of the year.
- Service levels lower than minimum service will not reduce storage levels as much as the minimum service alternatives.

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Service Level between Rises Downstream Crop Damage Risk



- The higher the service level in this period, the higher the crop damage risk in this period and during the second spring rise as its release rate is based on the service level flow target requirements during the spring rise.

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Second Bimodal Rise Frequency of Rise



- Assuming the magnitude continues to be based on 16-kcfs rise, the frequency of the rises can be affected by the drought stop protocols and the downstream flood control constraints.
- As the drought stop protocols limit rises during droughts, the frequency of rises may be diminished.
- As the flood control constraints are not raised as much to accommodate the spring rise, the frequency of the spring rise is diminished.
- Increasing the duration of the spring rise should have little effect on the frequency of the rise.

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Second Bimodal Rise Drought Storage Levels



- Assuming the magnitude continues to be based on 16-kcfs rise, the effects of the rises on drought storage levels can be affected by the drought stop protocols and the downstream flood control constraints.
- As the drought stop protocols limit rises during droughts, the drought storage levels will be increased.
- As the flood control constraints are not raised as much to accommodate the spring rise, the drought storage levels will be increased.
- Increasing the duration of the rise will further reduce drought storage levels.

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Second Bimodal Rise Downstream Crop Damage Risk



- Assuming the magnitude continues to be based on 16-kcfs rise, the effect of the rises on downstream flood risk can be affected by the drought stop protocols and the downstream flood control constraints.
- As the drought stop protocols limit rises during droughts, the downstream flood risk will be diminished very minimally.
- As the flood control constraints are not raised as much to accommodate the spring rise, the downstream crop damage risk is diminished.
- Increasing the duration of the spring rise should increase the crop damage risk.

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